

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



Interpretation Number: 12-02	Comments:
Date: 04-2012	A public way is a street or alley that is designed for public use.
Pamphlet Number: 101, 2000 edition	Exits must discharge to a public way.
Section(s): 7.8.1.1, A.7.8.1.1, 7.9.1.1, A7.9.1.1	Many occupancies require emergency lighting for the exit discharge.

Question: Where emergency lighting and egress illumination is required to be provided, is it required to extend to a public way?

Response:

No.

Where required by code, building occupants must be able to reach a point of safety outside of a building in an emergency. The path away from a building must have a minimal amount of illumination to assist safe egress.

Annex material from the Life Safety Code requires emergency lighting and egress illumination outside a building either to a public way or a distance away from a building that is considered safe, whichever is closest to the building being evacuated.

Parking lots that can be accessed by emergency responders should be considered a point of safety.

To ensure occupants reach a point of safety, emergency lighting and/or egress illumination is required to extend to a public way or parking lot that could be accessed by emergency responding vehicles when approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

Signature: 

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